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HO-HO-HO: easyJet workers celebrate raising the money which UNICEF UK says will be used to provide life-saving vaccines

## Passengers raise a charity million

MORE than £1 million has been raised by easyJet passengers in six months as part of their partnership with children's charity UNICEF.

The Luton-based airline celebrated the achievement with the charity on Thursday by unveiling a plane branded with the words 'Change for Good', the name of the partnership between the two organisations.

David Bull, the executive director of UNICEF UK, said the funds would help 2.5 million mothers and children worldwide against deadly diseases.

During the event 200 easyJet workers came dressed as Santa Claus, while Lord Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat politician and UNICEF UK president, visited the airport earlier in the day. A choir from Ashcroft High School gave a short performance.

Mr Bull said: "As the cold winter months set in, the generosity and support shown by easyJet passengers have been truly heart-warming."

Carolyn McCall, easyJet's chief executive, said the company was 'absolutely thrilled to have raised £1m'.

# Supervision order for disgraced ex-MP

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FORMER Labour MP Margaret Moran has been given a two-year supervision and treatment order for fiddling expenses of more than £53,000 from the taxpayer.

Moran, 57, who represented Luton South for 13 years, claimed nearly her entire annual allowance in one bogus expense entry and forged invoices for more than £20,000 for non-existent goods and services.

She was sentenced on Friday at Southwark Crown Court to a two year supervision and treatment order, to be supervised by

Southampton City Council.

The disgraced former MP's claims were the largest amount uncovered in the wake of the MPs' expenses scandal, but she does not receive a criminal conviction after a judge ruled she was unfit to stand trial for mental health reasons.

Mrs Moran was not present at Southwark to hear Mr Justice Saunders make the ruling.

He said: "There will inevitably be feelings among some that Mrs Moran has 'got away with it'.

"What the court has done and has to do is to act in accordance with the law of the land and on the basis of

the evidence that it hears."

The judge said two distinguished psychiatrists instructed by the defence had concluded she was unfit to plead, and a psychiatrist instructed by the prosecution broadly agreed.

A jury decided that she did the acts alleged against her, and the defence played little if any part in the hearing.

Dr Simon Kelly, from the Priory Hospital in Southampton, said that he last saw Moran on Tuesday.

He said: "She remains very distressed, very agitated, she is severely ill.

"She is unable really to process information that is

presented to her.

"What she seeks today is to recover from her illness and continue to engage in treatment.

"She's living a restricted lifestyle, she's not answered the telephone at home for approximately three years, she goes out very occasionally to a local supermarket for 30 minutes.

"She recently acquired a terrier cross dog, two years ago, and tends to walk him as well."

She said a newspaper article on November 25 was 'deeply distressing to her'.

It was reported then that she had been spotted at a pub.

The judge said the order

would be under the supervision of a mental health social worker employed by Southampton City Council, and Mrs Moran would be treated by Dr Kelly, with a view to the improvement of her medical condition.

Mr Justice Saunders also said that his rulings were limited to criminal proceedings.

He said: "They do not affect any steps that may be taken through the civil courts to recover any money that Mrs Moran has received to which she was not entitled."

A representative from the Crown Prosecution Service said the matter was under consideration.

## LoS says...

THE Judge may have said there will inevitably be feelings that former MP Moran has 'got away with it'... but what about our money?

It is not in his power to force her to pay back the £53,000 she fiddled from taxpayers - a process must be undertaken through the civil courts.

So Luton on Sunday calls for everything possible to be done to ensure that every single penny that is undeservedly in her possession is returned to the public purse.

We are suffering a double-dip recession and Luton Borough Council is one of many to have fallen victim to the dearth of money around these days, forcing it into making mass redundancies.

Yet while Luton Council is totally cash-strapped, Moran has £53,000 which rightfully belongs to taxpayers.

Her mental state should not affect her ability to give the money back to the taxpayers - nor the state's right to claw it back from her.

Luton South has long suffered from this sorry episode, yet we are still no closer to regaining the money.

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# An arrest a day keeps the drug dealers away with police operation

BY JULIA SUTTON

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**TWENTY-five arrests have been made in the last three weeks as part of an anti-drugs operation - at an arrest rate of just over one per day.**

Since November 20, Bedfordshire Police have been arresting groups of people following a long-running police investigation in Luton.

The last of the current set of arrests were completed on Wednesday and concluded with three men being arrested and crack cocaine being discovered at a house in Reginald Street.

Police say all the groups 'are suspected of being organised crime groups, some of them very prolific, and have been operating on the streets of Luton recently'.

Although the same group of officers have been responsible for collecting the intelligence and arrests, the groups were operating largely independently of each other.

Drugs including cannabis, heroin and

crack cocaine have been found during the arrest phase so far, along with large amounts of cash.

Twelve people are facing charges, mostly on remand in custody, for conspiracy with intent to supply class A drugs, or being concerned in the supply of class A drugs.

The remainder are on conditional police bail, pending further enquiries.

Det Insp Simon Lansbury said: "We have been operating with information from a number of sources, and some of it has come directly from members of the public. People are concerned about this type of behaviour in their area, and contact us directly or indirectly with information."

"Sometimes it takes a while to gather all the evidence we need and people may not realise their information has helped us make a particular set of arrests; but every small piece of intelligence we get helps to build up a picture about a particular set of drug dealers and then we can take action."



**JAILED:** Suleman Babar stabbed his victim in the abdomen and neck

## Belgian went to Luton and stabbed victim in the neck

A 28-YEAR-OLD Belgian was jailed for eight years for carrying out a stabbing.

Suleman Babar, of Rikensart, in Brussels, had been arrested after Bedfordshire Police had applied for an extradition order and charged him with the attempted murder of a 28-year-old Luton man.

Luton Crown Court heard how Babar and another man had travelled to Luton from their home in Belgium to confront the victim outside his home in Brooms Road,

Luton, on December 27, 2010, over a relationship with a woman from their family.

The victim suffered serious stab wounds to his abdomen and neck.

Both men were caught on camera on their journey back to Belgium the same day and this evidence was pivotal to the extradition order being granted.

Babar pleaded guilty to Section 18 GBH.

A second man charged was released after no evidence was put before the court.

## newsbriefs

## AMBULANCE BOSS IS APPOINTED

THE East of England Ambulance NHS Trust (EEAST) has appointed an interim chief executive. Andrew Morgan, who has worked in the NHS since 1982 and moves to EEAST from his most recent post as chief executive of NHS Norfolk and Waveney, will take up the role tomorrow. Mr Morgan has also held posts as chief executive at NHS

Bedfordshire and NHS Harrow, and has spent time as a Health Authority Director in primary care.

## ENJOY AN XMAS CELEBRATION

RESIDENTS are being encouraged to enjoy a Christmas celebration at a community centre. A number of events are being held across Luton, including at Futures House in Marsh Farm on Friday. Children's Christmas

parties are taking place at Sundon, Saints, Hockwell, Park Town and Bushmead community centres on Saturday. For more information go to [www.luton.gov.uk](http://www.luton.gov.uk)

## MUM IN FALSE ROBBERY CLAIM

AN 18-year-old new mother falsely claimed to police she had been robbed and assaulted by a gang of youths wearing hooded tops.

The 'victim' claimed her mobile phone containing photos of her new-born child had been stolen in High Street North, Dunstable, close to Grove House.

Officers attended the scene and carried out an area search for the 'offenders' but when detectives later questioned the woman, she revealed that she had made up the allegation to hide a domestic altercation that had allegedly taken place.

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# Plan hatched to tackle sick council workers

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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**COUNCIL** workers have taken more than 6,000 days worth of leave due to sickness during the course of the last 12 months.

An agenda item for tomorrow's Administration Committee meeting at Luton Borough Council shows that a total of 6,588 sick days were taken by 800 employees in the period of June 2011-June 2012.

According to the report, the highest number of average days taken was by 45 workers suffering from mental health conditions and 168 workers suffering from musculoskeletal conditions who took an average of around 21 and 15 sick days respectively.

Musculoskeletal conditions affect the muscles, tendons, ligaments and bones.

Other conditions that affected staff included neurological, respiratory and gastro-intestinal issues.

In the document, the council said it would be implementing an Employee Wellness Plan that would be 'a key initiative' in tackling the authority's 'higher than national public sector average' of sickness absence.

As part of the programme it will also be making an investment of £10,000 to support staff with acute musculoskeletal conditions as well as piloting a sixth months early intervention physiotherapy project.

The council has said no calculation has been made on how much money it has lost as a result of employees taking sick days but it said that it wanted to

**ILLNESS:** Luton Town Hall staff had 6,588 sickies in one year



make savings by reducing absenteeism.

Last year a health and wellbeing strategy was developed by the authority but this became redundant after several changes at the Town Hall caused it become 'not fit for purpose'.

A council spokesman said: "While there has not been an analysis on how much money we are losing as a result of absence days, studies show that monetary savings can be made if we bring sickness levels down.

"On arrival the chief executive Trevor

Holden recognised there was a priority to drive down the level of sickness rates in the authority and this has resulted in a new sickness absence policy, clearer guidance to managers and improved support to staff.

"This has resulted in a reduction in sickness absence since his arrival.

"The average annual sick days lost per full-time employee as at October 2012 for the council in total was 9.89 days.

"This represents a significant downward trend."

## Resident jumps to safety from fire

A MAN jumped to safety from a burning house thanks to quick-thinking paramedics.

The three ambulance staff used mattresses to provide a safe landing during a fire at a two storey house on Birmingham Road, Luton, at 3am on Tuesday.

The crew, from East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST), had been transporting a patient to Luton & Dunstable Hospital when they spotted the

blaze and, after calling for assistance, discovered that someone was trapped upstairs.

They removed the occupants of the house next door and took them to a safe place before getting two bed mattresses from a house across the road.

With the help of neighbours they then placed the mattresses on the ground beneath an open window and the trapped man was able to jump to safety without

hurting himself.

EEAST spokesman Gary Sanderson said: "The quick thinking of the ambulance crew and their colleague from the rapid response car have no doubt saved this man's life.

"They were able to successfully evacuate neighbouring houses and save the man from the burning building."

An investigation has been launched by Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service.

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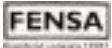
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# Criticism over PCC deputy selection

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THE appointment of Bedfordshire's Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner has been called into question by a councillor.

Liberal Democrat leader Councillor David Franks has accused Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Olly Martins of 'abandoning all principles' and favouring Labour Party members in his appointment of Labour Councillor Tafheen Sharif as his deputy.

The selection was announced following Mr Martins' election on November 17 as the county's first ever PCC.

Cllr Franks sent the Commissioner an email this week asking if the posts had been advertised and for an explanation of the 'fair recruitment process which was followed in making the appointments'.

In his reply, Commissioner Martins said the 'appointments proposed in



**CRITICISM:** Cllr Franks questioned selection 'fairness'

Bedfordshire have been conducted in accordance with legislation, and that the confirmatory Police and Crime Panel hearing required for the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner post will be held on December 17.

Cllr Franks said: "The real question to be answered here is not whether the appoint-

ments were made in accordance with the regulations but whether the Labour Party actually believes in fair selection and recruitment as a principle to be followed for all recruitment.

"From his answer it seems the new Labour Police and Crime Commissioner believes the established methods of fair selection and

recruitment should only be followed when the law makes it necessary.

"It demonstrates very plainly the long standing practice of the local Labour Party of abandoning all principles when a more underhand way of operating suits their purpose or when they want to favour other members of the Labour Party."

Commissioner Martins said: "I believe in following the procedure.

"The requirement for the Deputy PCC role is different on this issue because of the need for a trusting relationship between myself and the person advising me.

"It is a political appointment. If Councillor Franks has an issue with this maybe he should look at how his party leader appoints his advisors.

"There are many Liberal Democrat politicians appointing a lot more advisors than I am so Councillor Franks might want to take up that issue with his party."

## CID boss is now police chief

A FORMER chief investigator has risen through the ranks to become Acting Chief Constable.

Debbie Simpson, who used to be Head of CID at Bedfordshire Police, is currently temporarily in charge of Dorset Police.

Ms Simpson was appointed to the role of Deputy Chief Constable with Dorset Police in October 2011, transferring from Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

Her key areas of responsibility include Force Strategy, Strategic Performance and Productivity, Policy, Public Confidence and Strategic Diversity, as well as Professional Standards and Contact Management.

Ms Simpson joined Bedfordshire Police in 1984 serving in uniform, CID and on secondment outside the force area.

She rose through the ranks to

become Head of CID in Bedfordshire where she also led and coordinated the work of the force's hostage negotiators.

During her career, she has led a number of murder investigations.

She also helped manage the UK police response for international aid following the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami and commanded Bedfordshire's response to various international investigations.



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# Road 'hazard' due to fields flooding

BY CARL MUNGAZI  
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A COUNCIL has said it is 'working on a solution' to increase drainage capacity on a road that experiences continuous flooding.

Central Bedfordshire Council has said it is 'aware' of a problem that causes Long Lane, in Toddington, to suffer flooding all year round.

And this has caused concern for residents as the road becomes icy in cold weather conditions.

In October this year the country lane was the scene of an accident that left four people injured.

The authority said it is working with a farmer to deal with the issue as the water originated from nearby farm fields.

One resident said: "For at least three years I have been talking about this issue but nothing has been done about it so far."

"There is a problem with water coming from the ditch and overflowing onto the road.

"This always happens all the time and in this road it is a hazard because in really cold weather it becomes like a glacier."

er it has a sheet of ice across it.  
"It's only a matter of time I think before there is a serious collision."

A spokesman for Anglian

A paved road lined with trees, with sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a bright, dappled light effect on the road surface.

**HAZARD:** Long Lane has suffered from the 'extremely wet summer'

Water, said: "We have been made aware of flooding issues which can affect Long Lane, Toddington, and have been in contact with concerned resi-

"We are confident the water is not coming from one of our pipes, as we have no mains in the immediate area.

"In order to be certain, we have taken some samples which we are comparing with our mains water."

water."

"We are aware of this problem, which is caused by water flooding off of nearby farm fields and have been left saturated by the extremely wet summer and autumn we have experienced.

"Our land drainage team are working on a solution along with the local farmer.

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## Charity lottery raises record Christmas haul of £49k



KEECH Hospice Care has raised £49,000 after holding its Christmas lottery earlier this week.

The Luton hospice held the draw at 12.12pm on Wednesday, with one lucky person winning £2,012.

Walter Bartlet, 72, from Caddington, is a patient at Keech and

he drew the winning ticket. He has cancer of the lung and attends the palliative care centre at Keech once a week. Walter benefits from Keech's support, complementary therapies and the companionship of others in the same situation as himself.

He said: "It has been a real pleasure to take

part in this event today and drawing the winning ticket was great. It's a real buzz to know that I have helped contribute to making someone's Christmas that little bit more special."

This year's draw was the biggest yet for the charity compared to previous years.

## Police operation sees 70 arrests in 6 weeks

BY LUI STRACCIA

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**MORE than 70 arrests have been made by police during the first month and a half after Operation Peak.**

Since the initiative hit the streets of Luton last month to proactively target known offenders, ANPR Intercept officers have arrested more than 70 people for a range of offences including burglary, going equipped to burgle, money laundering, assault and numerous drug related offences.

The team has also recovered seven stolen vehicles with a combined value of over £120,000,

seized 59 vehicles which were either not insured or the driver did not have a licence – this included a £60,000 Audi A7 – and taken hold of four vehicles that were used during crimes.

One of the busiest days for the team came on Tuesday when seven people were arrested for going equipped to and conspiracy to commit burglary. The previous week, four people were suspected of committing an aggravated burglary in Cutenhoe Road, Luton.

The offenders fled the location in a silver hatchback car but this was stopped by the ANPR Intercept Team in Dallow Road.

All four occupants were arrested on suspicion of burglary, assault and possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply.

Sergeant Chris Leah said: "The statistics really do emphasise the important role that the ANPR Intercept Team plays in operations such as Peak. It has been an extremely busy month and a half for everyone but by targeting criminals through their use of the roads we have been able to make some significant arrests."

Policing teams will also be distributing prevention advice in areas identified as burglary hot-spots as well as executing a number of search warrants.



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# yourletters

## Milk industry is in crisis

SIR - The milk industry is in crisis, with costs squeezed all the way along the production line.

Farmers complain of unfair prices and contracts while continuing to receive significant subsidies financed by us, the tax-payer.

Further public funds have paid for this failing industry to promote itself through a national advertising campaign that features a slew of popular singers, actors and athletes.

Who knows how much this has cost us and what's it all for? Milk is not essential to human health (calcium can be found readily in many green vegetables, for example) nor is it 'natural' to drink the breast milk of another species. Our main concern, however, rests with the animals - the mothers repeatedly impregnated, the calves repeatedly taken from them, and the fact that welfare for the 'breeding machines' is so poor that, according to DairyCo, udder infections are 'endemic'\* and Farmers Weekly reports that one third of all British dairy cows are lame.

Those who care about animals and do not wish to contribute to their suffering through the food they eat can order a free Guide to Going Veggie or Vegan from Animal Aid. Call 01732 364546 or email info@animalaid.co.uk

Kate Fowler  
Animal Aid

## Christmas Day is depressing

SIR - Hooray - Christmas is almost here; what's more, we all woke up to the first snowfall of winter last Wednesday morning.

However, many people of the furry and woolly hat brigades, not to mention the wearing of thick coats and appropriate underclothing in order to keep warm, have already been traipsing here, there and everywhere.

And this situation will continue to be so, in order to buy those special presents

for family members and friends.

However, as far as all the other aspects of Christmas are concerned, am I positively alone in thinking that there is generally a somewhat depressing element leading up to the grand day itself?

On walking around one of Luton's supermarkets recently, women over 50 in particular always seem to look very perplexed, what with their mooching around

aimlessly, wondering what size turkey, joint of beef, pork, or how big a nut roast should be cooked the grand day in question.

Once Christmas Day is over, no doubt thousands will head off to the Boxing Day sales, getting up at an unearthly hour no doubt, if not entering the land of nod well into the New Year.

Merry Christmas everybody.  
Sue Goddard  
Toddington Road, Leagrave

## Autism Society appeal

SIR - The National Autistic Society (NAS) has been chosen as one of the beneficiaries of The Classic FM Christmas Appeal, and I am writing to urge your readers to tune in during the week of 15-21 December and help raise vital funds.

The NAS is the leading UK charity for people with autism, including Asperger syndrome. We provide many people in the local area with information, advice and support.

We're incredibly excited about the appeal, especially as it's our 50th birthday this

year.

We are proud of the difference we've made to the lives of people with autism and their families over the past five decades and extremely grateful for all of the support that local individuals, groups and communities have offered us.

The star-studded appeal will see listeners bidding to win holidays, raffle prizes and a chance to meet celebrities in live on-air auctions. Money raised will go towards a nationwide fund enabling children with autism to benefit from the power of music, through music therapy equipment and trips to musicals.

Visit [www.classicfm.com/appeal](http://www.classicfm.com/appeal) or tune in and help round off an incredible year for the NAS!

Alastair Graham  
Director of Fundraising and Marketing at The National Autistic Society

## Support the Candle of Hope

SIR - This Christmas World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) is offering readers the chance to remember loved ones lost to cancer by taking part in the Candle of Hope appeal.

WCRF is the primary UK charity dedicated to cancer prevention and this campaign aims to raise funds for research as well as make people more aware of the steps they can take to reduce their own risk of getting cancer.

The appeal comes at a time of year when people's thoughts often turn to departed friends and relatives. The golden Candle of Hope badge represents a reminder of a loved one as well as hope for the future by helping us raise awareness of cancer prevention.

Scientists estimate that by making changes to the food we eat, increasing our amount of physical activity and maintaining a healthy weight about a third of the most common cancers could be prevented.

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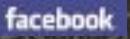
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steve lowe

# The knights of the road are tarnished

I HAVE spent a lot of time travelling up to Staffordshire and Derbyshire over the last four years. Which means a lot of time on the M1 and/or the M6.

The standard of driving is generally good. Apart from some lorry drivers. My dad always used to say that lorry drivers were the best drivers on the road. They were professional, courteous and patient. He used to call them 'the knights of the road'. Not any more, at least for quite a few of them. Some are not very professional, not very courteous and not very patient. Just the opposite, in fact. They often just signal and pull out at the same time, ride your rear bumper if in heavy traffic and gesticulate wildly if they think you have done something wrong. But it is worse, much worse than that.

Lorry drivers watch DVDs while driving, are on their mobile phone while driving, don't wear their seat belt, often drive longer than they should and drive erratically. And don't just take my word for it. Leicestershire police recently ran an undercover operation, in a heavy goods vehicle and caught lorry drivers doing all these things over the three days of the investigation.

One interesting aside is that they were all fined £60, which seems a little light for such behaviour. None of us are perfect and I was fined for speeding on

the M1 recently and it was more than £60. I think the fines for some of the offences by these lorry drivers should have been greater. I am happy to say that many lorry drivers, perhaps most lorry drivers, are still knights of the road. But there are too many who are not and on motorways that makes them a danger and not just to themselves.

Those who regularly drive on the motorways of this country will be only too aware of the number of accidents, many of them causing severe injury and death. So perhaps the owners should get more involved, both in training and ensuring lorry drivers do not have DVDs in their cab or mobiles unless there is hands-free equipment. It will ease my blood pressure and, more importantly, will save lives.

THERE are issues and groups in society that always seem to get up certain political parties' noses. Ignoring such obvious ones as income tax and Europe, the Conservatives never seem to like teachers. They also don't like

trade unions, discounting of course such bodies for farmers and doctors. So when you add teachers and unions together, you can almost touch the annoyance levels. Michael Gove, the Government education secretary is amply demonstrating that at the moment. He is threatening to cut teachers' wages who are currently working to rule. It is a strange description because the rules should be such that they encompass doing your job.

They are not the same as contracts, which often have a catch-all phrase in there somewhere that says the employer can alter stuff according to needs. It feels like Michael Gove is spoiling for a fight and is confident it will play well with his supporters and that he cannot lose. Those who will lose are the children but both sides are bound to say that is who they are fighting for. And we parents will believe who we want to and just wish a coherent education plan could be developed that everyone would be able to support.

Some hope.



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# Youths starting to find employment



DETERMINED: Conservative MP Andrew Selous is doing all he can to bring down the number of jobless youths

BY LUI STRACCIA  
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**YOUTH** unemployment has fallen in South West Bedfordshire, according to latest statistics revealed this week.

Figures from the independent Office for National Statistics show that the number of young people aged between 18 and 24 claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) was 200 in May 2001 and rose to 560 by May 2010.

This was an increase of 180 per cent during the last two parliaments under the last Government. Since May 2010 the number has fallen to 525 in October 2010. This is a fall of six per cent from the time of the last general election under this Government.

Andrew Selous MP said: "525 young people on JSA is 525 too many and I am doing all I can to help businesses expand locally to take on more people.

"At least the figures are

now falling and we must do all we can to make sure they continue to do so."

During the exchange at Treasury Questions in the House of Commons on Tuesday Mr Selous said: "Under the last two Labour Governments, the youth unemployment claimant count in South West Bedfordshire rose by 180 per cent, whereas it has fallen by six per cent since we have been in office? Does that not show that, in difficult times, although there is, of course, further to go, we are moving in the right direction?"

Greg Clark, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replied: "That is absolutely right. That is why it is important for us to maintain the course, pay down the deficit and build confidence in the labour market.

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BY STEVE LOWE

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THE figures look good. Bedfordshire Police has shot up the rankings in most areas of crime.

It is now in the top 20 of performing forces (out of a possible total of 43 in England and Wales).

Since taking over less than two years ago, Chief Constable Alf Hitchcock has brought in innovations from the private and the public sector.

All this has been done within the current regime of 20 per cent cuts all forces have had to struggle with.

Mr Hitchcock is now suggesting the government should take policing out of further cuts,

He said: "I'm concerned that it would not be worth the extra savings because that extra would cause real damage to policing.

"We've done well in Bedfordshire - but we've come as close as we can to being as lean as we can - without real damage."

The chief is suggesting the government should take policing out of further spending cuts.



**TOP PERFORMERS:**  
Bedfordshire Police's Chief Constable Alf Hitchcock

damage." Many innovations have been begged and borrowed (never stolen).

These include a new intelligence gathering process from Dorset Police, a model for assessing threat, harm and risk to decide on deployment and resourcing from Warwickshire Police, workforce modernisation from Surrey Police, integrated offender management from Hertfordshire police\*, the Tesco continuous improvement model and from Toyota - three times a day 'Pulse meetings' to check they have the right resources in the right place concentrating on the right crimes throughout the day.

The county police force have also developed and designed their own intelligence/incident recording system called INSPIRE.

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That included a 20 per cent reduction in burglary, and 6.4 per cent in assaults.

So far, this year, overall crime is down a further 15 per cent including burglary down ten per cent and assaults 19 per cent.

Mr Hitchcock said: "The main improvements are through intelligence gathering - and tasking.

"The officers on the beat and the back-up staff have been brilliant at changing procedures and shift patterns.

"The question we face is sustainability.

"How long can you keep on with an efficiency drive? Of course more money would have given us better results.

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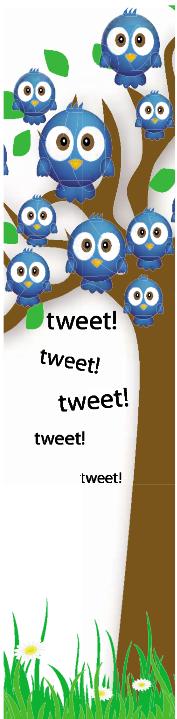
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Application details and tips for any of the above posts can be found on the Ashcroft High School website ([www.ashcroft.beds.sch.uk](http://www.ashcroft.beds.sch.uk)) as well as the websites of our partner schools. Applications must be made online at the following address and applicants must select Ashcroft in the school name field.

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The successful applicants will be required to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

All offers of a place are "conditional" until Criminal Record Bureau and qualification checks have been successfully completed, satisfactory references have been received and the National Skills Tests for Numeracy and Literacy have been passed.

Luton Futures is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

**Applications for this round will close on 11th January 2013 with interviews taking place in the week beginning 4th February 2013.**



# Help **GREENUP** LUTON this Christmas

## Christmas tree recycling in parks

From Monday 31 December 2012 to Monday 7 January 2013:

- \* Abbottswood Road Recreation Ground (just off Abbottswood Road)
- \* Brantwood Park – former Dallow Road Recreation Ground (by the toilets)
- \* Farley Community Centre (by the car park)
- \* Icknield Recreation Ground (by the car park)
- \* Inspire Laton Sports Village
- \* Kingsway Recreation Ground (by the Dunstable Road toilets)
- \* Leagrave Park (by the bowling green)
- \* Linsley Park (by the swimming pool)
- \* Maser Road Recreation Ground (just off Maser Road)
- \* Parley Centre (by the car park entrance)
- \* Stockwood Park (by the Farley Hill car park)
- \* Wardown Park (by the Old Bedford Road bus stop and by the New Bedford Road former toilets site)
- \* Wigmore Valley Park (by the car park)

Look out for gifts with packaging that can be reused or recycled.

Top tip: why not use last year's cards to create your own unique gift tags?

Did you know around a third of all the food we buy ends up being thrown away?

Top tip: try to make a shopping list and remember to check your cupboards, fridge and freezer before you go shopping.

For other tips go to: [www.lovetfoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovetfoodhatewaste.com)

If your recycling bin fills up over Christmas, why not pop down to your Neighbourhood Recycling Centre to recycle all your extra packaging?

Top tip: squash fizzy drink bottles and cardboard packaging to make extra space in your recycling bin.

A whole range of jars – from cranberry sauce to mincemeat and baby food – can be recycled. Just use your kerbside collection box or visit your Neighbourhood Recycling Centre.

Recycle your Christmas cards by using the kerbside recycling collection, local Neighbourhood Recycling Centres or when you go shopping (some stores provide collection boxes).

## Christmas and new year kerbside collections

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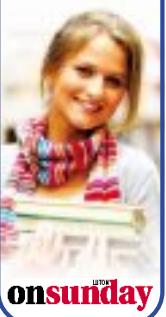
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BY CARL MUNGABI  
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A PRIMARY school was given a special trophy following their success in a singing competition.

Dallow Primary School choir received the Luton in Harmony trophy at a special presentation during the school's assembly.

The group had won the children's category of the recent Lighting Up Luton Choirs Aloud competition.

The school choir is composed of six-11-year-olds and is conducted by teacher and local musician Miss Andrea Patis, who said: "The children were so excited and pleased to be taking part in the competition, particularly when the other choirs were so good.

"We were all delighted with the news that Dallow Primary School choir had won the Luton in Harmony trophy."

Each entry included 15



**WINNERS: The Dallow Primary School choir in action**

minutes of at least one carol plus any style of Christmas songs suitable for a family audience, with the overall Luton in Harmony theme of celebrating the diversity and unity of local communities and building a positive reputation in the town.

Dallow impressed the judges with renditions of: Christmas Hit - with

lyrics and music by Mark and Helen Johnson; Silent Night - a traditional Christmas carol based on Sinead O'Conor's adaptation, and Jingle Bell Rock - with words and music by Joseph Beal and James Boothe.

The primary school will keep the winner's trophy with its name engraved on it until next

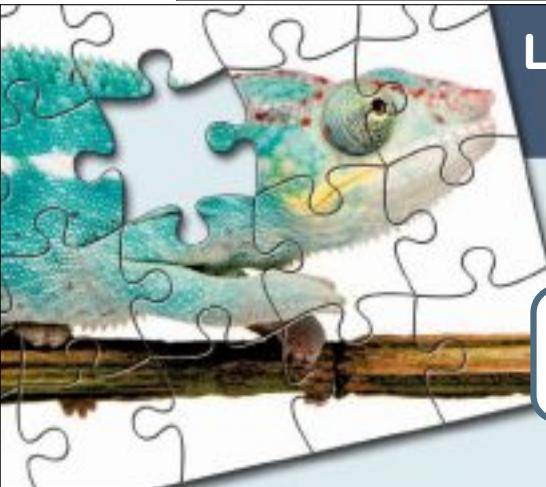
year's Lighting Up Luton Choirs Aloud event.

This year's choir competition was organised by Watch This Space Events - the events management service of Luton Culture - on behalf of Luton Council as part of Lighting Up Luton for Christmas 2012.

Luton in Harmony is a campaign that was launched in 2010 by the Luton Forum.

According to the council's website, it aims to highlight the 'positive relationships which exist between people of different backgrounds and with different life experiences, and unites people in a celebration of all that is good about the town'.

Last month Pastor Lloyd Denny, from Restoration Revival Fellowship Church, and businessman Leeroy Jenkins, from nextuplocal.com, were named as the new chairman and vice chairman respectively.



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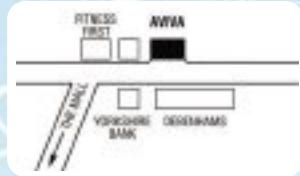
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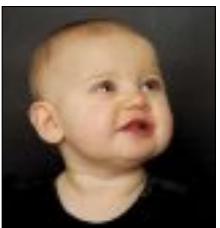
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1039Logan Presswell  
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1041Freddie James Smith  
1042Emma Lucas  
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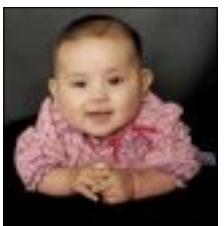
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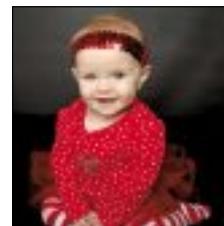
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2001

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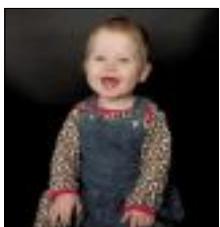
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2015Chloe Holtum  
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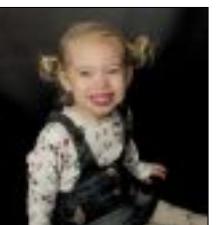
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3016Taite Baxter  
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3018Fatima Farid  
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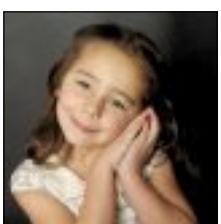
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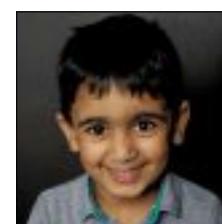
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## Rapunzel adds to the season's festive sparkle

### THEATRE

#### RAPUNZEL

Luton Library Theatre

Friday, December 14-Friday, December 28

#### CHRISTMAS is special for lots of reasons.

Life seems jollier and more colourful, there are all kinds of tasty things to eat and drink and, if you're lucky, there will be presents!

But there's one other thing that marks Christmas out as not only a special but a magical time.

A visit to the theatre to see a Full House show guarantees an adventure in a world of make-believe and magic - with a touch of spectacle and sparkle thrown in for good measure.

Last year, the Bedfordshire-based company brought the story of the Snow Dog to family audiences in Luton; this Christmas they're back with a new take on the Brothers' Grimm fairytale, Rapunzel.

But you can forget any thoughts of Gothic Germanic castles and dark, creepy forests; the setting of this Rapunzel is more Midsomer Murders than Frankenstein's laboratory.

The village green in Brimblebottom is at the heart of the community and that's where you'll find the Brimblebottom Ladies.

The ladies do all the things that you would expect of an upstanding group of local stalwarts; they make jam they create floral displays and they gossip.

Just at the moment, however, they are trying to raise funds to get the village clock, situated in a tower overlooking the green, working again.

Unbeknownst to them, a wicked witch is holding a feisty young lady captive in the tower (not only that but it looks as though she is short of a pair of scissors up there).

Observing all the goings-on are a pair of bouncing bunnies. The bunnies narrate the action and tuck into a tasty snack of the Brimblebottom Ladies' floral arrangements while they're at it.

So what is it about this show and this company that makes a trip to the theatre in the holidays such a fun prospect?

Director Harriet Hardie says: "The story of Rapunzel starts off at the summer fete, travels through time to the autumn produce show and ends up in a winter wonderland at Christmas.

"The rabbits are playful and fun, the music is toe-tappingly catchy and the whole show has a feel-good Christmassy atmosphere.

"We've got a giant witch puppet, masks and the costumes are so amazing... Full House has been creating Christmas shows for 11 years now and these really are the best yet!"

Well, Harriet would say that wouldn't she? Except, I have seen Full House shows and they really do sprinkle magic dust around a theatre especially at Christmas.

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Re-united band Cast bring the 'troubled times' to the town

## MUSIC

### CAST

Charlie Brown's, Luton  
Thursday, 8pm

ORIGINALLY formed in 1992 from the ashes of two guitar bands of the time, The La's and Shack, Cast released four albums and had ten top 10 singles.

During that time Noel Gallagher described watching the band as 'a religious experience', and at release 'All Change' was the highest biggest selling album of all time for Polydor.

After the band's split, John Power (guitar/vocals) released three solo albums, and has played intermittently since 2005 with the reformed La's.

A decade later, and the original line-up of Power, Liam Tyson (lead guitar), Pete Wilkinson (bass) and Keith O'Neill (drums) have reunited with original producer John Leckie for 'Troubled Times' album.

The band have produced a piece of work with material that once made them so loved by their fan base.

Tickets are £16.50 and you can book by calling 01582 482429.



App which will allow revellers to skip queue

CLUBBERS at LIQUID & ENVY LUTON will be able to celebrate this Christmas with the launch of a new iPhone app that takes them straight to the front of the queue.

In a UK first, LIQUID & ENVY's new digital passport iPhone application is a fully integrated customer solution giving clubbers the facility to purchase and store e-tickets, vouchers and offers on their iPhone and scan tickets at the Box Office.

Richard Hill, club manager, said: "We know that our customers don't like queuing, especially in the run up to the festive season.

"With this new app, they'll be able to browse events, choose when they want to visit and buy the package they want."

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# Will Paris holiday relight fire?

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Fortunately, they are heading to Paris and is it here where they hope to salvage their holiday.

However, a combination of Marion's overbearing non-English speaking parents, flirtatious ex-boyfriends and Jack's

obsession with photographing every famous Parisian tombstone provides an unwelcome snag only adds fuel to the fire.

Jack and Marion have definitely got their work cut out for them.

Will they be able to salvage their relationship or will they merely continue perfecting the art of having constant arguments?

Tickets cost £7 for the general public and £4 for members.

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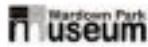
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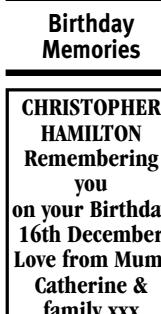
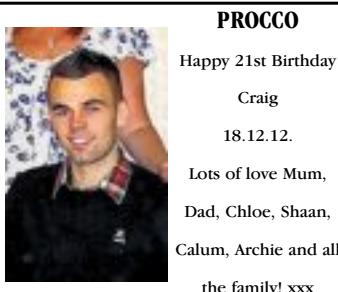
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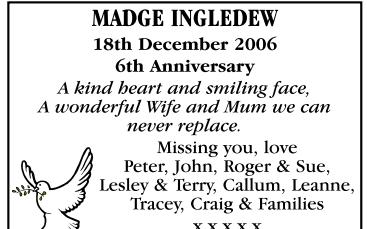
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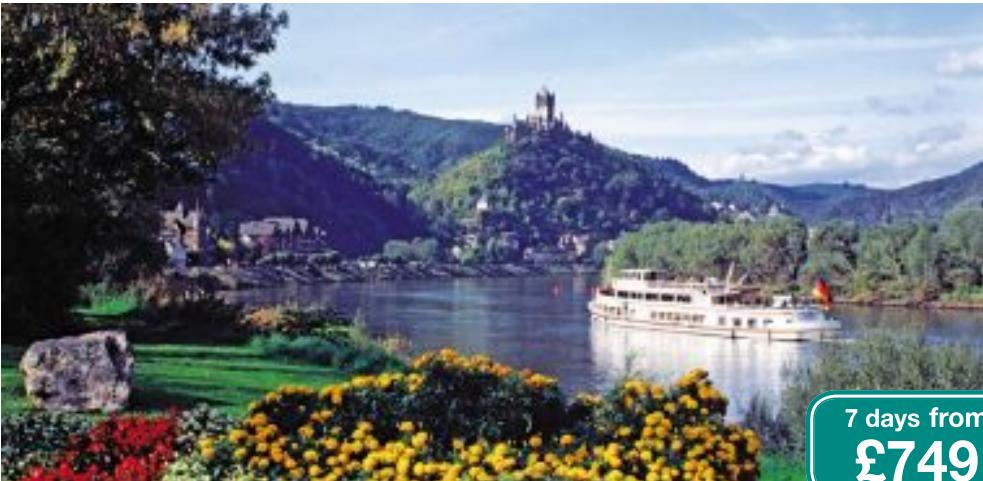


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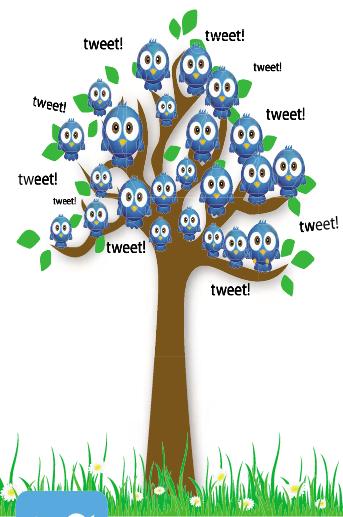
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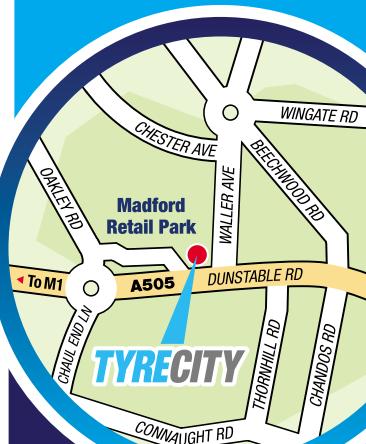
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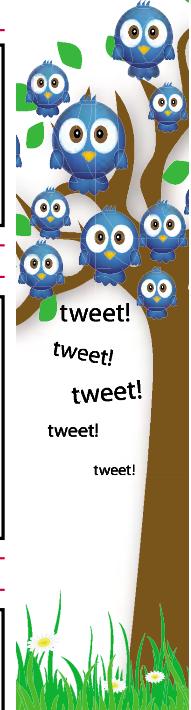
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FRONT FOOT: Dan Blinkhorn on the charge for Luton against Letchworth yesterday. Picture: Ian Nancollas



BALL CARRIER: Scott Oliver on the hoof for Dunstablians. Picture: Anthony McGill

# sport on sunday

## Only way is Essex for Beds youth

### FOOTBALL

THE joint manager of the Bedfordshire Under-16 side feels today's game with Essex will be their toughest examination.

Jim Duffield takes the hand-picked players from seven clubs in the county to Burnham-on-Crouch for this afternoon's match in the East Anglian Counties Championships, a five-team tournament where teams play each other once. The winner of the league lands the Boardman Trophy.

The team beat Suffolk 3-2 in October and know the defence of the trophy could be determined by the outcome of the match against an Essex side who won their first match, 3-2, against Cambridgeshire.

"It will be our toughest game," said Duffield. "But we have got a good side and, more importantly, a good group of lads. They are a credit to their county and it's a team representative of the county. We have players from the north of Beds and from the south of Beds and all the managers have been great in putting their players forward for trials."

Dylan Logan scored a hat-trick in the last game and the Arlesey Town forward will lead the line today.

"Dylan was excellent in the last round but I think we can score goals from all over the pitch," Duffield said.

Beds U16 squad: Alom, Hurley, Buckle (all Bedford Town Eagles), Byrne (Crawley Green Youth Hoops) Snooks, Ghavami, Carter, Damiano (all AFC Kempston Colts), Freeman, Lewis (both Leighton Town Youth), Short, Logan (Arlesey Town Youth Blues), Orr, Bates, Pilsworth (all Biggleswade Town Youth), Goulbourne (South Luton)

■ Bedfordshire Under-18s are through to the last eight of the FA County Youth Cup.

A hat-trick from Bradley Johnson, the Barton Rovers winger, was the highlight of a 7-1 mauling of Herefordshire at Dunstable Town FC on Sunday, a result which sets up a quarter-final tie with Norfolk or Amateur Football Alliance next month.

Their opponents will certainly not be relishing the prospect of facing the team managed by Jon Reed and Iain Rennie.

Beds have scored 16 goals in the last three rounds, conceding just two and they are one of the fancied sides, despite most of the team being eligible to play in next season's competition.

"It was a game of two halves," said co-manager Jon Reed on Sunday's game which was 1-1 at the break.

"They [Herefordshire] should have scored another to make it 2-1 but, in the second half, we were in total control."

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# Christmas cards cost Luton

### RUGBY UNION

BY LUKE PETERSON  
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**LUTON** president Phil Wilson says the referee awarded cards "like they were going out of fashion" in his side's 39-13 London 1 North defeat at third-place Letchworth.

Luton came into the game sitting three places behind their opponents and looking to restore the consistency that saw them win four matches on the trot in mid-season.

But they came away with little to show for yesterday's efforts, despite two Rik Hobbs penalties and a converted first-half try from prop Dan Blinkhorn. "It was a disappointing

result," said Wilson. "They took their chances but the score flattened them. Luton had little structure to the game and fell off too many tackles but the referee was awarding yellow cards like they were going out of fashion."

A bitter-to-slowly result was made even more frustrating by victories for Brentwood and Eton Manor in Saturday's other games, meaning Luton are now playing catch-up in their search for consolidation in the league.

However, Wilson is optimistic that the team can begin to climb the table, starting with a game at lowly Ruship after the Christmas break.

"We're pressing for third or fourth," said Wilson. "We'll look to

consolidate our position and aim to start the New Year with a win. We're confident we can get a good result."

**Stockwood Park** chairman Dave Budge says it was "nip and tuck all the way" as his side succumbed to a narrow 17-7 defeat at free-scoring Rushden & Higham in Midlands Three East (South).

Wing James Pedder's converted try cancelled out an eighth-minute Rushden penalty, before the hosts scored the first of their two tries to force ahead ten minutes before half-time.

Stockwood were finished off just before the hour as Rushden, who have now scored 455 points in the league, grabbed their second try of the match and Budge admits it was

a fair result against the team in fourth.

**Dunstablians'** prop Simon George expressed his disappointment at a narrow 27-21 victory over Northampton BBOB in Midlands 2 East as he is convinced his side can "take on anyone".

A try from Duncan Holmes and two for Aaron Boland, with a pair of Kevin Boland conversions, gave Dunstablians a substantial 19-point lead within ten minutes. But they could only add eight points in the remaining 70.

"We started well and thought we were going to walk away with it," George said.

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# Rovers deck the Hall with victory

### FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

BY JONATHAN PAXTON  
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JERMAINE HALL scored a sublime hat-trick as Barton Rovers twice came from behind to win 3-2 at Chalfont St Peters in the Evo-Stik Central Division.

In driving rain, Chalfont took the lead in the 16th minute through Adam Louth but Rovers equalised on the 27th minute, Hall combining with forward partner John McNamara before slotting home.

Dan Kenney's side retook the lead just a minute later when Brad Wadkins scored to send them into the break with a 2-1 advantage.

Barton resumed strongly, equalising when Hall drove a stunning free kick home from the edge of the area on 53 minutes and he repeated the feat four minutes later to give them the lead for the first time in the match.

Rovers hung on for a fine away win

which moves them above Chalfont in the table and towards the play-offs.

**Dunstable Town** made it 21 games unbeaten in the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division with a comfortable 3-0 win at Colney Heath

In a game that only went ahead after a last minute pitch inspection, Lee Roache opened the scoring on eight minutes, turning in a Tony Burnett cross.

Nathan Frater scored a second 15 minutes later after good work between Roache and Wayne Mills and it remained 2-0 at half time.

Mid-table Colney never troubled the visitors and their task became harder when Ross Gilbert was sent off on 75 minutes. With seven minutes to go, Roache grabbed his 31st goal in 30 games this season to ensure Town retain a four-point lead at the top of the table.

**AFC Dunstable** moved into fifth place with a 4-0 home win against Holmer Green.

BJ Christie scored the only goal of the first half on 15 minutes and he found space in the penalty area to double the lead on 55 minutes.

Manager Alex Butler was full of praise for man of the match Jay Blackett who added a third ten minutes later before adding a fine individual goal, firing home from 25 yards to make it 4-0.

In Division One, **Crawley Green** left it late before securing a 2-0 win at home against Southall. Lee Losaby glanced home a long free kick from keeper Dean Bull in the 85th minute before Chris Gibson grabbed a second goal a minute later. Crawley are now in fourth spot.

In Division Two, **Kent Athletic**, moved into second place with a 2-0 against Caddington under new manager Jason Penman.

Adam Currington headed home a corner on the 50th minute and Rhys Cannella added a second with two minutes remaining.

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# Luton on to a Shaw thing in Trophy after late show

**PIGGY BACK:** JJ O'Donnell celebrates with Jon Shaw

Picture: Gareth Owen



## FOOTBALL

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LUTON Town manager Paul Buckle said he was pleased with how his side bounced back from a midweek defeat to beat Matlock Town 2-1 in the FA Trophy yesterday.

The Hatters left it late to pick up the win, with striker Jon Shaw netting just three minutes from time to put the team in the lead.

Until then it had looked like the tie had been heading to an unwanted replay, after Lewis McMahon cancelled out Simon Ainge's first-half opener.

The win was much needed, after a 5-2 defeat to Newport County on Tuesday night.

"I am pleased with how my players performed," said Buckle.

"We were never going to get it easy, and we never go into any game thinking that we're going to get it easy.

"Matlock beat Mansfield in the last round, and a lot of peo-

ple came here expecting another upset, but the team had the right application and attitude.

"Yes, we're still smarting and hurting from the other night, but today we deserved to win.

Buckle wielded the axe after the defeat at Rodney Parade, relegating Mark Tyler and Lathaniel Rowe-Turner to the bench and leaving out Dean Beckwith to demonstrate where he thought the blame lay.

"I decided to shake it up a bit," said Buckle. "You can't point the finger at any one person, but when you let in five goals as a team you half expect changes to be made and freshening up to be done.

"We had a bigger team. Dean Brill in goal is a unit, and with Ainge and [Janos] Kovacs in defence, [Arnaud] Mendy in midfield and Shaw up front we've added height which helped.

The return of Kovacs, the Hungarian who missed out in mid-week through suspen-

sion, helped shore up the defence.

"Having Kovacs back made a big difference," Buckle said. "He got up and headed everything which meant we could initiate attacks rather than be left on the back foot."

Shaw has now scored two in two games since returning from a spell out with a thigh problem but he was delighted his goal came in a victory this time.

"I think it's important for the lads mentally to put in a good hard-working performance as it sets us up to go back to the league," said Shaw.

"The greatest way to get over a defeat like that is to win another game.

"We're still not too far from the top and that is not just down to luck.

"If we can put on a good run between now and January we'll be in a really good position after Christmas."

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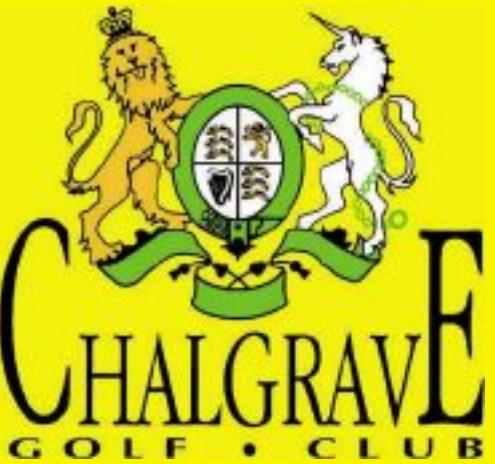
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